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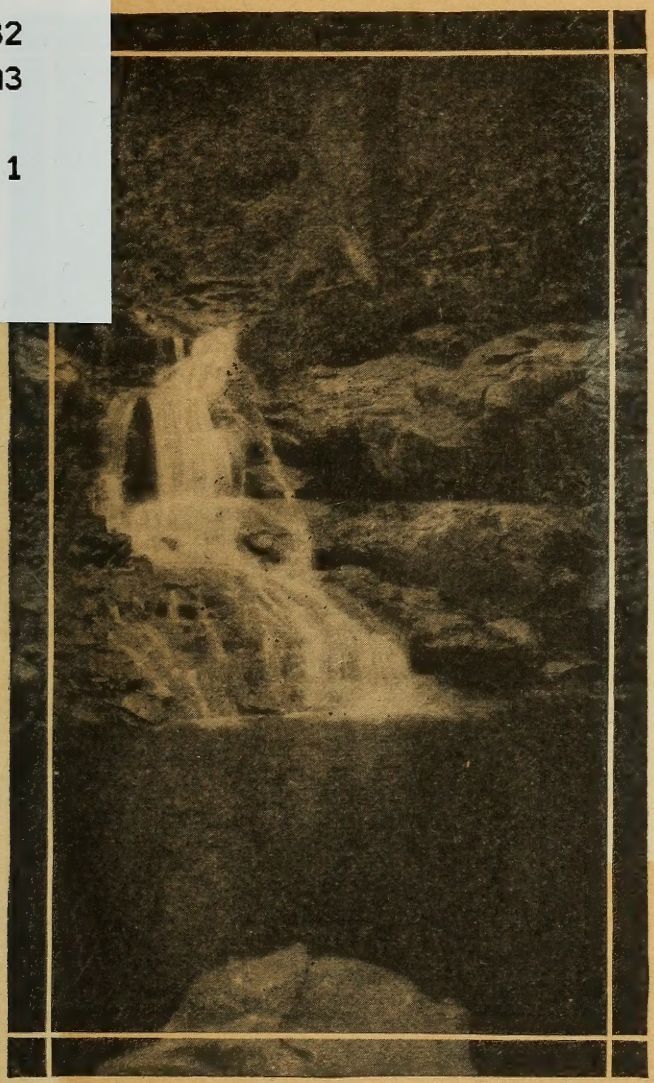

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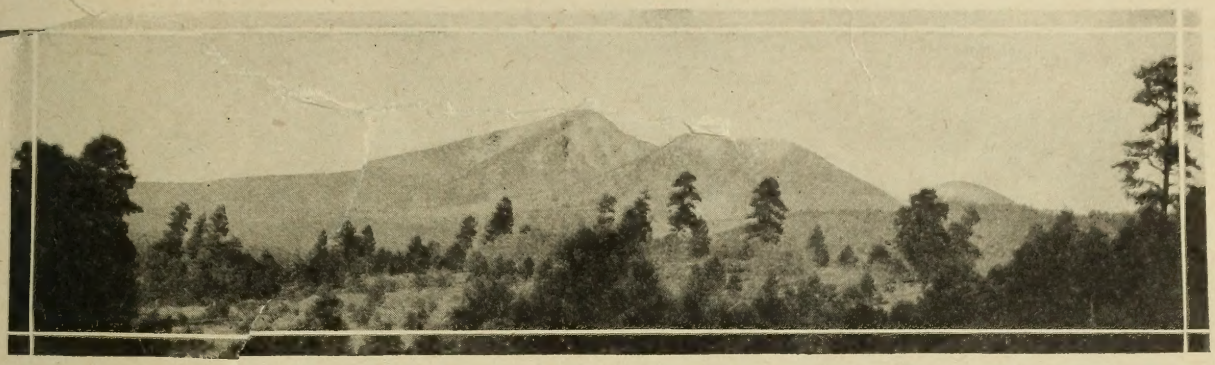

FOREST FIRES

It has been said that a man who has seen the terrifying sight of a forest fire, or has helped to fight one, will never again be guilty of carelessness with fire in the woods. Not many of us have had that stern lesson and fewer of us can appreciate the meaning of such a conflagration in its blighting effect on tree growth and possible destruction of the very means of future tree growth through erosion The ease with which a fire spreads with a wind to fan it, or even without a wind (in which case the fire creates its own draft), is amazing. A fast horse can not outrun many a forest fire, and in a few hours or a day tens of thousands of acres of green timber can be turned into smoking desolation. The loss of property and human life is always a possibility in such a fire.

The Forest Service in the fire season concentrates its entire material resources and efforts preventing small fires from growing large. Backed by drastic laws, it attempts to prevent Be[illegible]ade fires by apprehending those guilty of starting fires. The greatest service that can Southw[illegible]dered by a traveler in the Forest is to observe all care with camp fires, matches, cigarettes, A[illegible] cigar stubs, and pipe ashes. A camp fire left unattended is a source of danger in the woods.

WOODS SANITATION

Next to caution with camp fires, a word regarding woods sanitation is advisable to those not having frequent contact with the big open. A vacation in the open means a throwing off of restraints, freedom from convention, getting back to nature. The complex machinery of a modern home and community with all its restrictions falls away, and we seek rest and relief in the woods and on the road. Truly the simple life.

However, the simple life has also a few simple rules that need to be observed. Our camp site of to-day will perhaps be the camp site of another to-morrow, and to leave defiled a former beauty spot of nature is contrary to the rules of the game. A rusty tin can or a recently emptied one filled with flies or mosquito larvae is a jarring note. Unburned or unburied refuse and waste are bad signs to leave behind and indicate an unwelcome type of Forest visitor. The water supply of a ranch or town can easily be contaminated by forgetfulness or carelessness with other forms of waste resulting from a temporary or permanent camp.

The simplest suggestion that can be made in respect to camp sanitation is to treat your camp grounds as you would have your own property treated; as, for instance, your own house yard. Consider it as a place to which you may wish to return shortly. If this is done, there is little danger that refuse or waste of any sort will be left unburned or unburied.

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